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August 9, 2010

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN
AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC HEALTH
FOUNDATION ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
AND RESPONSE**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority as approved by your Board on July 28, 2009 to execute an amendment to County Contract Number H-702550 with Public Health Foundation Enterprises (PHFE) to renew the agreement for the term of August 10, 2010 through August 9, 2011, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office (CEO), and notification to your Board.

Under such authority I will execute Amendment Number 12 to County Contract Number H-702550 with PHFE in the amount of \$2,321,846 to enhance, strengthen and support ongoing efforts of the Department of Public Health (DPH) to prepare and respond to public health emergencies and acts of bioterrorism. The funding is 100 percent offset by forthcoming funds from the CDC Notice of Award (NA) 5U90TP917012-10, known as the Budget Period 10 extension, for the term of August 10, 2010 through August 9, 2011, (\$2,260,816) and by the Department of Homeland Security – Urban Area Security (UASI) grant (HSGP Grant #2007) (\$61,030). The funds will be applied as follows:

CDC Base: \$834,693

This amount will support DPH's efforts to recruit and retain qualified staff and subcontractors that perform specialized and vital work needed to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies. Services to be performed include community and schools liaison activities, Health Alert Network messaging notification, support for the Public Health Lab, development and revision of plans to address the needs of vulnerable populations, analytical support for complex information systems, surge planning efforts for the Operational Area, development of automated early event surveillance systems to help analyze data for emerging diseases, and redesign of the DPH website to provide better access to community based organizations.

CDC Base Information Technology (IT): \$139,014

These funds will allow DPH to continue the provision of project management, business analysis, development, and quality assurance services in support of various preparedness and response IT projects and activities including the Health Alert Network, the Public Health Directory, and the

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Staff Registry System. Services include the management concept and delivery of projects, analysis of business requirements and process mapping, software architecture and design support, and software testing services.

CDC Cities Readiness Initiative: \$1,287,109

These funds will support ongoing efforts to increase the capacity of cities to deliver medicines and medical supplies during a large-scale public health emergency. Funds will also provide support to DPH to secure teams of trained and experienced volunteers to assist in response to public health emergencies, to conduct series of Flu Point of Dispensing (POD) exercises to meet CDC requirements, to upgrade the POD Digital Countermeasure System, and to adjust the Los Angeles County Community Mitigation Model to identify the most effective strategies and interventions related to anthrax response and control.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI): \$61,030

These funds will support a Senior Disaster Services Analyst who will serve as the DPH representative to the Los Angeles – Long Beach Urban Area Critical Incident Planning and Training Alliance (LA-LB Alliance), an interdisciplinary, interagency collaborative responsible for catastrophic event planning for Los Angeles County.

County Counsel and the CEO have approved Amendment Number 12 to County Contract Number H-702550 with PHFE as to form and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors